



"LO A  
VOICE FROM  
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

# The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

THE  
PILLAR

THE  
TRUTH

Praise God  
from Whom  
all Blessings  
- Flow -

"The earth is the Lord's,  
and the fulness thereof;  
the world, and they that  
dwell therein." Ps. 24:1.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks  
for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations." Ps. 79:13.

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# NOTICES

From the Field

To the ministers, members, workers and friends of the Church of God of Minnesota and Wisconsin: We have established residence at the address given below, and we hereby extend invitation to all interested in the promotion of the work in these states to communicate with us. To those having information concerning prospects for the Church in either of these states, we urgently request that you contact us directly. We solicit the prayers of all.—D. L. Lemons, 701 S. Highland Ave., Marshfield, Wis.

My address has been changed from 111 Walnut St., Brookhaven, Miss., to Rt. 1, Natchez, Miss.—Eugene Lambert.

My address has been changed from 409 W. Avery St., Nashville, Tenn., to 215 E. Anderson St., Savannah, Ga.—W. C. Swilley.

There is a revival now going at Alamo, Tex., a Spanish church, with Brother J. R. Reyes, pastor, Box 1014. This Spanish brother wants someone to come help him. If anyone has the mission spirit and the Lord says come, please come.—R. O. Woodruff, Donna, Tex.

To whom it may concern: My new address is 701 Gardner St., Gadsden, Ala.—B. L. Alford.

Our address for this year is 1002 S. Rosina Ave., Somerset, Pa.—Russell and Dorothea Ford, evangelists.

To my fellow brethren everywhere: Mrs. Cockerell or I will consider calls for revivals outside our pastoral work here, this year. Those who desire our help, address your letter General Delivery, Joplin, Mo.—Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Cockerell.

To the nonresident members of the Church of God at Thomasville, Ala., please write to us and let us know where you are and send us your dollar special mission and dime aged ministers' assessment.—J. M. Vice, clerk, Thomasville, Ala.

To the Y.P.E. presidents and Sunday School superintendents of the Ravenna, Ky., district: As I have been appointed Y.P.E. and Sunday School district superintendent, I wish to get your address at an early date, which will enable me to correspond with each of you in regard

to the work on the district.—Wm. Baker, 305 Poplar St., Ravenna, Ky.

Anyone wishing to write me concerning tents for the gospel work, my new address is Box 336, Barbourville, Ky.—V. E. Hooks.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

To whom it may concern: **W. T. Nelson is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—Earl P. Paulk, State Overseer of North Carolina.**

Anyone desiring to contact me for revivals, address all correspondence to 2202 N. Meade Ave., Chicago, Ill.—Evangelist Nick Digilio.

I have been appointed Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent of the New England states except Rhode Island and

Connecticut. I will be expecting the cooperation of each pastor. Let's pray and work hard for these departments.—Joel D. Brown, Augusta, Me.

If there is a preacher in Alabama who has a tent who could come to this place, please don't delay coming here. If any young man and his wife could come here, we will do all we can for you. We have a good place for you to stay. I just wish I could explain to someone how badly in need we are here for a revival. Even though these people are mostly farming people, yet they need Jesus and someone is going to be responsible. I am the only Church of God person here and need some help. Please let me hear from you. I prefer someone who can play a guitar and can sing.—Mattie Lowery, Repton, Ala.

My new address is 1008 N. Main St., Salisbury, N. C.—James W. Moore.

## Requests For Prayer

### PRAY FOR—

Please pray a special prayer for me, it seems I can hardly pray. Pray for the healing of my sickly body; my husband to be saved; me to get a closer walk with God.—Mrs. Opal McCulley, 639 Mulholten Dr., Monroe, Mich.

My husband to be saved and delivered of a habit; he and his brother to see the light on the Church of God; me and my children that we can attend church and Sunday School; me to stand true.—Mrs. Jessie Mae Underwood, Smithville, Tenn.

Our little girl to be healed of rheumatic fever and heart trouble; us to do His will.—W. C. Gore, 5 A. St., Jacksonville, Ala.

The healing of my body that I may be able to go about my work for the Lord.—Solomon Macky (colored), Jensen, Fla. The church at Douglasville, that the Lord will undertake in a special way and remove the hindering causes; four other requests.—Mrs. C. G. Cross, Rt. 2, Douglasville, Ga.

My family and me to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to see his need of salvation and change his way of living.—C. L., Lawrenceville, Ill.

The healing of my body: I am in a very nervous condition.—Mrs. Anna Davis, Rt. 6, Knoxville, Tenn.

The healing of my brother's body; his soul to be saved.—Mrs. Rosa Stalfe, Malory, W. Va.

The healing of my daughter-in-law who is in the hospital in a serious condition.—Mrs. Angeline Harvey, Graysville, Tenn.

My unsaved loved ones; two unspoken requests; me to stand true.—Mrs. Olga Bagwell, Atlanta, Ga.

Me to be filled with the Holy Ghost; my husband to give his heart to the Lord; me to be an overcomer; unspoken request; God to help me raise my children for His glory.—Viola Neeley, Horseshoe, Fla.

The healing of my arm and ankle which were severely hurt in a car wreck; the healing of my little boy.—Mrs. Reva Poole, Rt. 4, Durham, N. C.

A friend's son to get salvation; the Lord to undertake in his behalf; me to get closer to God.—Amanda Pasant, 4745 Avery St., Detroit, Mich.

My mother who has heart trouble and swelling to be healed; me to be ready when Jesus comes or calls for me; my husband and loved ones in sin to be saved.—Mrs. Georgia Brown, Old Fort, N. C.

The healing of my afflicted father; the healing of my body; also me to be healed of some kind of breaking out on my face; my unsaved children.—Mrs. Esther Brown, Old Fort, N. C.

My husband and children to be saved; the healing of our bodies; me to be an overcomer.—Mrs. Dullie Hensley, Old Fort, N. C.

God to save my boys and girls and bring them home; me to live for God.—Mrs. Katie Johnson, Old Fort, N. C.

The healing of my body; my unsaved children to be saved; my husband and me to be overcomers.—Mrs. Zoralee Grooms, Old Fort, N. C.

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# Steps In The Christian Life

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI  
(Continued from last issue)

Scripture text: Matt. 5:7-12.

Text: V. 48, "Be ye therefore perfect."

The Four Upward Steps in the development of a "FULL GROWN CHRISTIAN LIFE" are as follow.

## 1. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Mercy is the disposition to forgive, spare, pity, and have compassion on.

Someone has said, "If thou wouldst be happy for a moment, revenge thyself; if happy forever, pardon."

God has been, and is merciful to imperfect man. Let man, in memory of this, be merciful to his fellow man.

Jesus said: "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:14, 15. In our Christian life, because we have obtained mercy and because we need more mercy, we obtain more mercy by being merciful. Matt. 18:21-35. Another application of "sowing and reaping," "measuring and being measured." Grace is the unmerited favor and love of God towards man in Christ. As we bestow grace on others, God continues to bestow grace upon us, "grace for grace." John 1:16. Goodness is love in action. Mercy is compassion exemplified. Be good and merciful to others, and they, like companions, will follow you all the days of your life. Psalm 23:6.

The following is a good illustration of this truth: "When the country near Albany was newly settled, an Indian came to the inn at Lichfield, and asked for a night's shelter, at the same time confessing he had nothing to pay. The hostess drove him away with reproachful epithets, and as the Indian was retiring sorrowfully, a man sitting by directed the hostess to supply his wants, and promised to pay her. The Indian thanked his benefactor, and said he would some day repay him. Several years after the settler was taken prisoner by a hostile tribe, and carried to Canada. One day an Indian came to him, and giving him a musket, bade the white man follow him. The Indian never told where they were going, but day after day the captive followed his mysterious guide, till one afternoon they came to a beautiful expanse of cultivated fields, with many houses rising among them. 'Do you know that place?' asked the Indian. 'Ah, yes, it is Lichfield.' The Indian exclaimed, 'And I am the starving Indian on whom, at this very place, you took pity. And now that I have paid for my supper, I pray you, go home.'"

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

## 2. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Inward happiness is greater than out-

### "Youth of America, Give Thanks"

BY LAURA ADRENE SANDERS

*Youth of America, if there is within you  
an unthankful heart today,  
Take down your map and spread out the  
world as a table before you;  
Talk with the boys whose god is strange  
to your fathers;  
Eat of their pottage which brews on the  
fires fed by hatred;  
Sip broth with the Poles who have lost  
what you gained from the Pilgrims;  
Go fish where the peaceful Norwegian  
late cast out his nets in the ocean,  
And travel the roads greatly loved by the  
herdsmen of Denmark;  
Shed tears with the mothers of Belgium  
whose cups brim with anguish,  
And enter the once peaceful Holland  
whose tranquil is slaughtered forever.*

*Shout! Shout! when you look on our great  
fallen ally,  
Not that she has fallen, but with faith  
that her stroke is not fatal.  
Let praise become prayer as you enter the  
land of our lineage,  
For birth pangs are gripping the life of  
our reputable mother.  
And she shall bring forth. Yes, shout for  
the truth through Hope's window.  
Now lay down your map, your heart is  
more filled with thanksgiving  
Than any glad Pilgrim's whose thoughts  
went toward God there at Plymouth;  
He saw the beginning, but you see the end  
of his vision—  
"America's refuge from perils of long  
troubled waters  
In Europe." Son, I forgive tears as you  
gaze on the Star-Spangled Banner  
And lift up your eyes to the hills from  
whence came America's freedom.*

(This reading has won first place among all submitted from Arkansas in the contest conducted by the National Thanksgiving Association, Rockefeller Center, N. Y., and has been entered for the National award.)

ward prosperity. This happiness comes through heart purity.

To be pure in heart is to be genuine, sincere, unmixd with worldliness, having an eye single to the glory of God. The

pure in heart is free from sin, moral defilement, or guilt, hence innocent, guileless and chaste, and harmless as a dove. Matt. 10:16. The dove is the only member of the fowl family that has no gall, therefore harmless. The gall represents the "self-life," the "old man." They that are Christ's have crucified the "old man" with his deeds, and have put on the "new man" which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Galatians 5:24; Eph. 4:22-24. Holiness means spiritual union and fellowship with God, in the Christian. This holiness is received through internal sanctification through the blood of Christ (Heb. 13:12), external sanctification by the Word (Eph. 5:26), and eternal sanctification by the Holy Ghost (2 Thess. 2:13).

These are they, who in the true spirit of self-renunciation, consecration, and self-sacrifice, live by faith and faith alone. The beauty, innocence, and sweetness of the Christ-life flows out of such a purified heart and life, as fragrance from the flower. Gal. 2:20.

"This does not mean that while on earth we will be free from all solicitations of evil, but there is many a soul so "blessed" that when winged thoughts of sin come flying to the windows, God's angel rises up and draws the shutters to; when disturbing thoughts of hate, revenge, avarice, and pride draw near, God's angel meets them at the outer gate, and bids them all begone."

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," and others shall see God in them.

## 3. BLESSED ARE THE PEACE-MAKERS

Man, because of sin, became an enemy of God and is at variance with Him. But Jesus Christ made peace through the blood of His cross, and abolished in His own body the enmity, that He might reconcile both unto God—and make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace. Eph. 2:14-17. Here we have peace with God received through faith. Rom. 5:1.

When "peace with God" is accepted by faith, then the "peace of God" is given as a gift by the Lord Jesus Christ, and wrought in us by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 14:17; Phil. 4:7. The believer then enjoys real tranquility, freedom from personal strife and disturbance. This is happiness supreme.

This peace is exemplified in mutual concord and agreement with Christian  
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**Then and Now** The story of the first Thanksgiving is old and familiar, yet there is something about those days, the circumstances and conditions of them, and the spirit that motivated the actions of those early settlers of our beloved country, that is comforting and encouraging to us. Though they had landed in a wild, undeveloped country, filled with ravenous beasts and uncivilized natives, they had escaped the class and religious hatred which embroiled and plunged Europe into one war after another, but here they could band themselves together in a great brotherhood and in a Thanksgiving feast show their appreciation and thanks to God for the bountiful yield of Mother Earth and for other blessings which she had so graciously showered upon them.

We in America may again be glad and thankful to our God that we are permitted to live in the land of the free and where we may have plenty and to spare. Even though now in the distance can be seen the sign and heard the rumblings of war which seem to threaten even our peace of mind, the knowledge of God's approval upon our lives, coupled with the fact that we are still in a land of Bibles and in a land of religious freedom, is within itself sufficient for praise and thanksgiving to God.

### Count Your Blessings

When I was but a lad, at the church which I attended they often sang an old hymn, "Count your blessings, name them one by one." There was something about this mathematical appeal that got hold of me and I thought at the time that it would not only be a wonderful but a simple thing to do, but as time drew on experience disclosed that the task of counting all of the blessings that God gave to us would be an impossible one to accomplish. Biblical

history is filled with records of great blessings upon the children of God and upon those who do not acknowledge Him as God, but only a few of the many blessings given are recorded in God's Word or in history. The blessings of God upon His creation, and especially upon His children, are as the stars of the sky and the sand of the seashore, innumerable. The blessings of God are past the understanding of man. David, in all of his wisdom, balked at the manifestation of God's great blessings to ungrateful man when he asked the question, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?" This very question "why" as asked by the psalmist David, is within itself a suggestion of the fact that God is mindful of man. Though, when one considers that after man had been given every blessing and opportunity one could ask, that he turned his back on his Maker and mortgaged the whole of creation to the enemy, it would not appeal to reason that God would any more care for him, or be mindful of him; but still the fact remains that God is mindful and that God visits. There is a reason for this.

God is a God of mercy and of love and all the blessings which He showers upon men are manifestations of His love and mercy to us, therefore, since these blessings are the unmerited gifts of God's mercy, we may feel the more grateful and feel the more obligated to make an expression of our gratefulness in thanksgiving and praise unto Him from whom all blessings flow, countless blessings from an inexhaustible supply, in custody of an unlimited God.

**Paradoxical Blessings** The understanding of man is too limited for him to know what is best for him. If it were left to him, he would in all probability choose the line of least

resistance, but men who have made the greatest achievements in life have been those who have encountered great difficulties and who have overcome great calamities. The founding of our own country was accomplished against great disadvantages and under many handicaps. Is it then a small thing that the people of God suffer and that they strive for the better things of life? Yea, if they who have striven for material things have



*Though they are but a memory, and from the stage of life they've gone;  
In thankfulness they led the way, inspiring us to carry on.*

perfected their plans through adversity, much more those who strive for the mastery in spiritual things. It was the apostle Paul who said, 2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." So it is then that the blessings of the child of God are a series of paradoxes and do not always appear to have the value that they really contain, for in humility the child of God is exalted; in sorrow he is made happy; in service he finds real rest; in the midst of poverty he is rich; in death he has eternal life. Perhaps this is the reason that those who have not attained to the heavenly blessings which came from above, cannot understand the manifestation and demonstration of the children of God, for such is only understood by the acceptance. But those who do know their God shall be strong and

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# Good Literature

By D. H. DELK,  
Rt. 3, Wake Forest, N. C.

Text: 1 Cor. 15:33.

Good literature is very precious, in fact, more precious than gold. It is one of the home's greatest assets. It is a hedge, a wall of protection, and a lighthouse on the sea of time.

First, note the text which tells of bad literature. "Be not deceived." I wish to repeat this, "Be not deceived." We won't have space to tell of the many ways bad literature deceives people. The devil has many hidden hooks in it, and these hooks have good barbs on them.

Bad literature is bad because it can't repent. One vicious story can make a man a murderer. One ungodly, sexual love story can separate a man and his wife. Yes, one book on modern religion may poison a young boy or girl for life. It is high time to beware. The text is true. Evil communications will certainly corrupt.

I heard once that in America a hundred magazines are sold in our newstands that are so filthy many foreign nations would not touch them with a pair of tongs.

"A dose of poison can do its work but once but a bad book can go on poisoning people's minds for any length of time."  
—Murray.

Bad literature will intoxicate the mind, destroy faith, and steal our confidence in God, others, ourselves. Dewitt Talmage said, "A good, precious, noblehearted young man had an infidel book in his trunk. He told him he had better burn that book, but the young man kept it. He read it over and over again. As a result, he gave up religion and proclaimed it a myth. Yes, the devil is busy. He has agents everywhere, and if the truth is not diffused, error will be.

The infidel, Paine, author of "The Age of Reason," said before he died, that if the devil ever had an agent on earth he was one.

Time would fail me to tell of all the good deeds good literature will do. "A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever."  
—Colton.

I think the Evangel and Lighted Pathway are good literature. They both bless any home wherein they are read, but even the Bible on the center table won't keep the devil out of the home. Yes, if you let dust get on your Bible, the devil will get into your heart.

In Eccl. 12:11 Solomon says, "The words of the wise are as goads (spurs to a lazy mule), and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies (gathering wise

words is what makes them masters or leaders of assemblies), which are given from one shepherd."

I think the Evangel is an assembly of wise words,—reports, sermons, testimonies, information, and many other things of great importance. It is handed down from the one Good Shepherd to a lower one, and on down to another till it reaches even the foreign field many miles away. Oh, what a blessed paper the Evangel is, and what a shame some of our own precious people don't even take it. Selah—think of that. The Evangel is a paper culled from the flowers of all good literature.

The Evangel is a wise preacher, not ignorant, weak, powerless, or boring as some are. Some preachers are boring and in the way at times. One preacher

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## The Steady Subscriber

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber,

Who pays in advance at the birth of each year;

Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly,

And casts round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says "Stop it; I cannot afford it,

I'm getting more journals than now I can read."

But always says, "Send it, for all readers like it—

In fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanction;

It makes our pulse throb, it makes our hearts dance.

We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him,

The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Selected.

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forgot his parasol while visiting a member. When he stepped back for it he heard this remark, "I wonder what that old fool means by taking my time, when I am so busy."

The Evangel will instruct you without a rod of anger, yes, without even a chicken dinner. If you approach it, it is not asleep; if you seek, it won't hide; if you blunder, it won't scold you, and if you are ignorant, it won't laugh at you. Oh, thank God for the Evangel. It will help to keep our boys and girls from the road-

houses, dance halls, pool rooms, gambling joints, liquor dens, dog pits, and all other ungodly places in this wicked and evil generation in which we live.

Eight to ten thousand subscriptions to the Evangel are not enough. I hope it goes to 30,000 this year, don't you?

In Acts 5:28 we read where Jerusalem was filled with our doctrine. I say God help us to fill this world with our doctrine. Surely the Evangel speaks that which is sound doctrine. In John 1:29 John the Baptist says, "Behold the Lamb of God," and it seems as though I can hear the Evangel say, "Behold the Word of God."

May God bless all who read this, and if you are not a subscriber to the Evangel, subscribe at once. Also check up and see if it is not time to renew.

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NOTE: I have been asked by some to get out a book of illustrations. Well, I wonder how many I can get to help me in this work. I would like to get a card from each one who could and would donate from three to ten or more good original illustrations on any subject they fit. If I can get 900 I believe I could add 100, compile them, and put the name of the sender under each illustration. Now come on, preachers (or anyone else), let me hear from you, telling me how many you can send in. And be sure to remember they must be original and brief, as we cannot take a copyrighted work. I believe by your cooperation and prayers we could assemble a book that could be a blessing in the ministry. Please let me hear from you soon, and in the meantime pray for God to heal my body.

## Victory in Jesus

CROPWELL Ala.—I thank God for His great healing power. On Nov. 3 my baby was real sick with colitis and had a high fever. Brother and Sister Cook, our pastor, were here and it seemed that she would get worse and worse. We prayed for her that morning and that night. Oh thank God, He came down in our midst and wonderfully touched and healed her body. The next morning she was well and up playing. The Lord has been so good to us. He has healed in our home many times. I love the Lord with all my heart. We trust Him with both soul and body. I get so happy at home talking with God, but my heart is burdened for the lost souls at this place. I have five brothers and two sisters in sin; my father is a drunkard and is deep in sin. My grandpa is over eighty years old and is without God. How they need God. Please take them to heart with God. Brother and Sister Cook are real children of God. We surely like them. Pray for our church here and pray for me.—Mrs. Ellen Harmon.

# Million Evangel Band

## More About the Million Evangels for 1941

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Remember, 2,000 ministers paying for and distributing ten copies each week or 1,000 ministers distributing twenty copies each week equals the one million in twelve months.

Why, Brother Walker? Can't all of us join this band and have a Million Evangel Band for all of us to be members of? Yes, but first, my reason for enlisting ministers is unless the minister takes the lead in any and all the church work, little or nothing can be done about it. There never was a lively church, a progressive Sunday School, a successful Y.P.E., or a great flock of Gideons selling Lighted Pathways, until the ministers felt the need and threw themselves into the service. Not until the minister of life wishes life, imparted and generated life, to cause to come into existence a lively church, can there be a lively church. Remember, a dead, dry, formal preacher will kill any spiritual, lively church. A minister of life has the gun, therefore, let us all strive to be lively ministers, ever alert to render service for God.

Second reason, if the minister called of God, with heart and very bone burning to tell the whole world of God's love, fails to catch the vision of his opportunity to spread the gospel message through the printed page, which in the face of all modern means of distribution of news still remains the greatest method, then why ask others? But, everyone can help. You can help. We need your help. Of course, we are asking the ministers to take the lead so that you can help make it possible for us to reach the Million Goal.

**PLANS:** Here's how it can be done, without costing you anything. Send \$10.00 to the Church of God Publishing House. This pays for ten Evangels each week for twelve months. You sell five Evangels at 5c each and give five copies away free. Or, better still, send \$20.00 and receive twenty copies, sell only ten and give ten away. Just order for your church any number that you feel you can sell and distribute, thus selling half of them and giving the others away. Just stamp on each copy the pastor's name, church address and time of services, and distribute, or have distributed, these extra copies in train, bus, or aeroplane station, in the street car, in city or public libraries, in schools, in hospitals, in jails, or to the people on the street, anywhere you can

carry this message. Let the world hear and know about the Church of God.

In a meeting a few days ago, Brother J. H. Ingram, our missionary who has gone around the world twice, besides the many trips he has made to the mission fields, helping to encourage the people throughout the world, said that where he learned of the Church of God was through the Church of God Evangel, a copy of which by chance fell into his hands. He would never have known about it had he not learned it through the Evangel. The Church of God work began in Texas by a person dropping from the train window a copy of the Evangel which fell into the hands of Brother and Sister George Asher. They felt the story they read in the paper was what they desired to know more about, and sent for the minister. He came and the work was begun. A few days ago a sister in Flint, Michigan, said she had visited the jails, leaving Evangel copies for the inmates. A few days ago a young man came to her door and asked, "Lady, do you have another one of those papers you gave me while I was in jail? My mother was a good woman. I think she must belong to this

church. I would like to have another one of these papers." One of our ministers was called in by an attorney to read an article that he had found in a paper that by chance came to him, and the title of the subject so much appreciated was "The Second Coming of the Lord." The attorney had been talking to the minister and invited him to come up to his office, saying he would just like to show him that article. When the attorney pulled the paper out of the pigeonhole to show the minister the article that he so much loved, the minister began to smile, because this was the Church of God Evangel, that by chance had drifted into the hands of this attorney.

We should everyone strive to spread this gospel message throughout all the world while we have the opportunity. We want you to join us in this great drive in increasing the Evangels to 1,000,000 copies this year. Pastors, if you do not have the ready cash, some member in your church will finance that project; possibly the Ladies' Willing Workers Band will send and get the subscriptions coming direct to you. Remember, it is a point that you send the money in advance, that it may be entered as a subscription, thus eliminating the possibilities of missing some copies, also worrying about whether or not your account is due. Then, too, you save 20% of the cost by sending it in advance, and get credit for subscriptions both for your church and for the state. Don't you want to win that \$100.00 cash prize?

## NOTES From My LETTERS

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Greetings from the church at Smithers, West Virginia. We are glad to report that we are on the upward move for God and the Church in this district. We have just completed an attractive 36 by 54 foot building, which is beautifully finished inside with hardwood floors, celotex ceiling, plywood walls, opera chairs, and decorative lighting fixtures. Many declare this to be the nicest church in the city, and its location makes it available to all classes of people.

May God bless you, Brother J. H. Whitlow (pastor), and give you many souls at this place this year.—Sincerely, J. H. Walker.

**TELEGRAM:** Good revival at Decatur, Alabama. Ten received the Holy Ghost.—C. E. Richard, pastor.

May God continue to keep the revival fire burning there.—Sincerely, J. H. Walker.

Dear Brother Walker: Kansas is over the top with her aged ministers' quota. Only five of the churches have paid \$22.80. We will have several dollars more in a few days.—Your brother in Christ, Wilma Henry, Overseer of Kansas, 612 E. Edison St., Independence, Kansas.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$3.30 for our aged ministers' quota. We are glad to report that we are the first church in the State of Iowa to raise our amount.—Rev. W. W. Goins, pastor.

May God bless you, Brother Goins, in your work there.—J. H. Walker.

Error may be presented in such a way as to look like truth at first sight, but upon close inspection it has no resemblance. Therefore, it pays to examine any and all things before swallowing them.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



## Alabama and Southwestern States Eighth Annual Convention a Success

Our eighth annual Alabama and southwestern states convention convened at New Albany, Miss., Oct. 9-13, presided over by our faithful state overseer and moderator, Bishop W. L. Ford, who was right at his post of duty. The enemy tried hard to hinder in many ways but the Lord was on our side and gave us a glorious occasion. Sister Ford, the overseer's wife, was so faithful and was certainly at her post in this convention. Also our Overseer of the Colored Work, Bishop N. S. Marcelle, his wife and coworker were present with us and we enjoyed his good timely messages, also instructions to the ministers, etc., and the faithful service of his wife. We indeed enjoyed their being with us.

Considering the prevailing conditions of this part of the country, most every department of the Church was well represented. God has surely blessed us. Quite a few sermons were wonderfully preached

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and testimonies and shouts of victory went up. Many souls were blessed.

The business deliberations were wonderful. We were also blessed with a divine healing service Sunday, beginning at 4:00 a.m., before day. This service was conducted by our state overseer. He also preached on "Divine Healing." The heavens opened and God filled the building with His power. Many testified to being healed, some had bad eye troubles, leg troubles, heart trouble and many other troubles. We can't find words to express the greatness of this service.

It was said that this convention was better than last year's. Yes, the convention was a success. May its blessings mean much to our good people.—Miss Beatrice Wilson (colored), 215 S. Ripley St., Samson, Ala.

NOVEMBER 23, 1940

## Northwest Ministers' Meeting

The joint-state ministers' meeting convened at Lemmon, South Dakota, November 1, 2, and was a success in every way. The presence of the Lord was felt.

To the clerks who were unable to attend, the following will be of interest: Sister Hughes Morehead of Minot, North Dakota, was reappointed State Mission

### New Song Book Title

Obviously all readers of the Evangel are perusing its pages for the title of the new song book to be ready about January 1, 1941.

In appreciation of the interest shown by Miss Ruby Wales of Cleveland, Tenn., 100 copies of "New-Found Joy" shall be awarded her. Notwithstanding the fact many contestants had suitable names, the decided count was for the above title.

Hundreds of expressions came too late and some are still coming, but October 15 was the time limit. To offset any disappointment, the Publishing Interest Committee fixed a bargain price for all. Those sending orders consisting of 25 copies or more may get them at 15c a copy; single copy, 35c. With this good news we pray that this book may be compiled with singable, powerful songs, and that each of us may look forward to its completion.

Thanks to all and God bless you.

Otis L. McCoy,

Music Editor.

Treasurer. Her address is Box 520, Minot, North Dakota. Also, she is to act as Northwest Camp Ground Clerk and Treasurer, and will take care of the Camp Association funds. Every one who signed a membership card, please send her one dollar on or before the first of January, 1941.

For South Dakota, Miss Evelyn Anderson, of Lemmon, South Dakota, was ap-

### Please Pray a Special Prayer

**Sister Simmons has been in bed more than a month. Her condition is very critical unless God especially undertakes. Special request for prayer is hereby made.—The Editor.**

pointed State Mission Treasurer. Her address will be Lemmon, South Dakota. In connection with this, she is to act for the coming year as State Y.P.E. and Sunday School Superintendent, and will visit

each local church for a Y.P.E. revival during the year.

For North Dakota, Brother J. A. Rafferty was reappointed as State Y. P. E. and Sunday School Superintendent.

On the following Monday, the 1940-1941 fall term of Bible School opened, and, from every indication, it will be our most successful term of school. About twenty students are present, and others coming in almost every day. We are expecting about thirty-five students when all are in.

The new beds, eleven of them, are being enjoyed by the students, and we wish to thank each local church, that made this possible, for its hearty cooperation in this endeavor.

Also, we must mention the wonderful food shower that was brought in to help the Bible School. It was the most wonderful food shower that the writer has ever seen, and will make this next term of school possible. May God's richest blessings rest upon those who made this sacrifice.

Just a few words about the faculty.

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Brother Glyndon Logsdon, the Superintendent, is proving to all that he is the man for the job, and has the good will of all the students as well as the other teachers. The names of the other teachers are as follow: Mrs. Faye Dyer, Miss Henrietta Sanders, Alex Sittner, Miss Vivian Becker, Miss Alvina Christman, and Edward Yecha. All of these teachers are spiritual, Holy Ghost people, and we feel that they will be a great blessing to the school.

Summing it all up, we in the Northwest are looking forward to a great year, one that will go down in history as a year in which God had His way in everything.

To our many friends everywhere, we ask that you pray for the work here, that

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# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

## *An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*

*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

Just twenty-two years ago today the writer stood in Pauillac, France, and, together with thousands of his comrades-in-arms, hailed the advent of what he believed was a lasting peace. Four years of war had impoverished many nations. Millions of the finest in young manhood were rotting beneath the ground, such of them as had the distinction of being buried. Millions more were worse than dead. Famine and disease stalked across the desolated earth. Ruin was everywhere. Never again would there be another war was the solemn pledge given by the earth's leaders. Here we are at another anniversary of Armistice. The futility of men's pledges is made aware by the thousands of homes where the handsome young sons are about to march away again to spill their blood in what is already known to God's people as a "lost cause." Peace between men and nations will never, in my humble opinion, come again until cometh the "Prince of Peace" and the "kingdoms of this earth shall become the Kingdom of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and He shall rule and reign forever." The writer can yet visualize the tall, vibrant form of the beloved Woodrow Wilson as he declared that the world must be made "safe for Democracy." Wilson was sincere. He was brave. He was dead in earnest. He envisioned a world at peace. He saw the coming of the millennium of peace. He reckoned, however, without the coming of Him who is the origin of peace. Praise be unto His holy name forever and ever, He shall yet come and upon His coming shall rule.

November 11 news brings another picture of the hand of Almighty God shaking and quaking the earth. A violent earthquake in Rumania and part of Bulgaria snuffed thousands of lives into the presence of God and for them eternity began. An area of 5,000 square miles was terribly shaken. Hardly a building in Bucharest, the capital city of Rumania, was left unshaken. A mysterious blue flash preceded the quake by a few seconds. Buildings tottered and fell with a crash. Great cavities appeared in the earth. Millions screamed in terror and fright as they fled their homes for open spaces. The great Rumanian oil fields became a

mass of flames. Many entire towns and cities were in utter ruin. Thousands of people were trapped in the falling debris of their homes. People speeding along highways were hurled from the roads and buried in holes that God had made. Pandemonium and horror gripped hearts. The quaking only lasted three minutes but in that brief span of time untold havoc was done. Rails were twisted and ried into grotesque knots. Locomotives were hurled from the tracks. Trains were wrecked. Screams of doomed people mingled with the screech of twisted steel. Suddenly, without warning, they stared eternity in the face. May the peoples of the earth accept these horrible things as the handwriting of Almighty God warning them that the advent of His Son is at hand.

"Santa Barbara, California, November 10— A brief, sharp earthquake jolted Santa Barbara at about 2:20 a. m. today, awakening hundreds of residents. Authorities received no reports of damages."

"Sofia, Bulgaria, November 10— Bulgarians were awakened early today by several consecutive earth shocks felt throughout Bulgaria. The tremors occurred about 3:42 a. m. Saturday. Chimneys collapsed in one village but full reports of damage were not immediately available, nor was the epicenter known. The first report indicated that a severe earthquake had occurred approximately 225 miles from Sofia in a northeasterly direction, toward central Rumania."

The writer has no pleasure in writing of these catastrophes but does it merely in the hope that God's ministers and people can see in them the fulfillment of Holy Scriptures and can warn and admonish each other that the end is at hand. These quakes are one definite sign mentioned by the Savior.

"WASHINGTON. — Secretary Morgenthau said today that he would ask Congress to increase the national debt limit to 60 or 65 BILLION DOLLARS to care for possible deficits up to June 30, 1942. Announcing this at a press conference, Morgenthau told reporters, 'We've just begun to rearm.' He repeated the phrase three times to emphasize it.

The Treasury chief said also that Congress might be asked at the present session to make available for general financing the FOUR BILLION DOLLARS which it authorized for special defense borrowing. The sum would be included in the 15 to 20 BILLIONS which Morgenthau said might be needed during the next fiscal year. The present debt limit is FORTY-NINE BILLION DOLLARS."

Let our readers bear in mind that the legal debt limit was raised just a few months ago by Congress. This unceasing spending and borrowing can lead only to one thing. That thing is chaos, an unstable currency, an unstable world. No one is to blame. IT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE. PERILOUS TIMES. BUY! BUILD! SELL! ARM!

A picture of a small baby being cared for by his parents carried the caption: "BABY COSTS \$10,000 WEEKLY." The story related that the parents recently refused a contract to dance that would pay them that staggering sum. Just imagine, if you can, paying a couple TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK JUST TO DANCE. Amazing, isn't it? Lord, have mercy upon a godless generation that are so lustful and pleasure-mad that it would expend that sum to see a couple dance. Those same people could spend far less, get the Lord in their hearts, and see dancing that would be far more graceful and that would be acceptable and pleasing to the Lord. There is nothing sweeter than to see some hard-working mother in Israel receive a blessing from the Lord and dance a holy dance before Him.

Every betting record in the United States was shattered by New York's recently-closed racing session in which sporting citizens tossed \$103,159,429.00 into the pari-mutuel machines. Besides which, 11,690 people found time each and every day of the season to go out and watch horses run around in a circle. These New Yorkers contributed \$5,157,971.45 in taxes to the state. The average toss-away per person per day was \$50.00. Remarkable, isn't it? In the midst of de-

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# Reports From the Field

Our district Y.P.E. convention convened at Bigtimber, Mont., on Nov. 2, 3. The people began to gather on Friday and we had a wonderful service Friday night. The young people were on time and at their posts singing with the Spirit, and the power fell in waves. There was shouting and praising the Lord. On Saturday at 10:00 o'clock we gathered for service. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were there and the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. The speakers were at their very best. The Lord continued to bless throughout the day. Saturday night we had a wonderful meeting. Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock we met for Sunday School. There was a large crowd present and as we studied the Word the power fell and the shouts of praise went up in response to the Spirit. Sunday evening we had a mission talk by Brother Wesley Snider and people cried and praised the Lord. We took an offering which amounted to \$26.00. Sunday night the writer preached, taking Eph. 5:14 as his text. Conviction came on sinners and the saints were burdened so until they wept. Everyone says it was a wonderful meeting. Rev. William Pospisil, our state president, had a good outline which was carried out well.—John Sharp, state overseer of Montana and Saskatchewan.

WASHINGTON, N. C.—I am a young girl thirteen years of age. I have had salvation two years. I am not a member of the Church of God but my mother, Mrs. Chas. A. Cayton, is. Perhaps some of you remember reading her request in the paper some months ago. There are no young people here who are saved and it has been hard to live the life. The Lord has showed me what to do though. I love music, especially piano. I have a great desire to go to Bible School when I'm older. I haven't had much chance to go to school and I'm only in the sixth grade. Will some of the young people write to me, especially those who have attended? I want to learn all I can about Bible School. I will try to answer all letters received. Please pray for mother and me that God will make a way for us.—Naomi Ruth Cayton, Rt. 2.

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FT. McCOY, Fla.—I want my brothers and sisters of the Church of God to know that I am still on the firing line for Jesus. Praise His holy name! I want to press forward to the mark of the high calling which is in Jesus our Lord. Remember me in your prayers.—Mrs. J. A. Pruitte.

WIMAUMA, Fla.—Just a few words of praise to my blessed Savior who has done so much for me. I love the Church of God Evangel more and more as the years go by. This morning as I read the

Mission Page (and I do love the Mission Page), tears filled my eyes as I looked at the picture of Brother Carl J. Hughes and read some more about his work. I have enjoyed reading about his work from time to time very much. Then just to the right is Brother and Sister French. I have heard about them many times and as I looked at that noble face and that precious wife of his and those darling little boys and read the report below, the tears started afresh and I said, "God bless you, my precious sister, dressed so neatly and plainly." I said, "That is Bible adorning," and my heart was lifted in prayer for them, also for Brother and Sister Cook and their children. Somehow I have a special place in my heart for that precious son and daughter, George and Blossom, out yonder on the battle—  
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## REPORTS

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field for God and mother and father so far away. But that is all right, George and Blossom, God has a big reward for you at the end of the way.

Now just a word to dear Sister Haynes. Dear sister, look up, Jesus is coming soon and you will see dear Brother Haynes again. I always thought Brother Haynes was such a noble saint of God, and how I enjoyed listening to his singing.

I can't think of closing without making mention of our beloved pastor and his precious wife and mother, they are surely true blue saints of God and have the work of the Church on their hearts. The church here is building a church house and Brother Thomas and Brother Ed Simmons surely have their shoulders to the wheel and pushing with every ounce of strength they have. The L. W. W. B. sisters are working just as faithfully, especially Sisters Ella Simmons and Thomas. (Now there are others who work, but these two I see and know that they are at the work almost all the time, both day and night.)—Mother Douglas.

### God Is No Disappointment

SCREVEN, Ga.—I have been in this good holiness way ten years. I haven't had trials in ways that lots of others have had because my whole family knows the way is right, though they don't belong to the Church. My husband has always been so good to me, even when we had no way to go to church of our own he would hire a way to take me every time he could, but how the devil has tried to make me doubt the power of God, doubt the Holy Ghost. I have been to the place that I did not know what to do or to believe, but I could not give up and could not get anywhere with the Lord it seemed. I began to ask God to help me understand just what to do and I thank Him I can say I have found Him to be a real Savior and not a disappointment. I had to learn to trust Him in the dark. Today I know it's as real as heaven. Bless His dear name, He will bring us through if we only trust and obey. When the way seems dark this valley experience will be a blessing to us and others too. After all, it has made me a stronger believer in God because I have learned for myself.

I thank God for this light and the faith I have in my Lord. I know we can live holy like He said we must. Thank God forever that He saved our dying souls. I love our little church. I want to do all I can to lift it up to a world which is in darkness. We have one of the best preachers for a pastor. I believe he lives what he preaches and God has blessed his efforts in this community. He has been

a blessing to us. We love him and his wife. Others are looking this way and if we Church of God folks will stand true and live the life in the face of the foe,

God will give us many souls. We are duty bound; it's up to us saints to live close enough to God that the world can see  
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## GIVE EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The Christmas issue of the Church of God Evangel will have a special color cover and many interesting things relative to Christmas. It will be an ideal issue for subscriptions to begin. We urge that you send the Evangel for one or two years to friends as Christmas presents as there could be no greater gift for the money than a visit of your church organ for one year. We will be glad to send a nice Christmas card with each of these gift subscriptions. The subscription price is \$1.25 a year or \$1.00 a year in groups of three or more. Use the special Christmas gift order form given in this issue of the Evangel.

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# Reports of Revivals

## Wonderful Revival

We are glad to report victory here at the church in Whitmire, S. C. The Lord has met with us in a Pentecostal revival. Never in the history of the church has there been such a meeting as we have witnessed these two weeks. There were three filled with the Holy Ghost, many were saved and some were sanctified. The saints were made to lift their hands in praise to the Lord who gave us the wonderful victory. Saints were revived and some were made to fall under the old time Holy Ghost power. The last night of the meeting we gave a chance for membership and we hardly know how to thank the Lord, He gave us ten more members. We think of Rom. 8:28. Just wait on the Lord, He will give the victory in due time. Many have been the times we were made to wonder why we didn't see the fruits of our labor, but we are glad to be where the Lord can use us. The Gospel Trio did the preaching and we as a church in Whitmire know that the Lord sent them to us. We lift our hands in praise to God for the good that has been done here and for women like the Gospel Trio. May the Lord of heaven bless them in their work. You will do well to get them for a revival. We feel that the Church of God at Whitmire is on the go for the Lord as never before. Pray for us as we labor here. We feel that we have one of the best churches in the State, and some of the best people in the world, because they are members of the Church of God.—M. N. McPherson, pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, Kans.**—Despite the many oppositions we are glad to report victory for our little church at 903 Osage Ave. We have just closed a six weeks' revival with Sister Margaret Kiser, of Los Angeles, Calif., doing the preaching. Twenty were saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Our leader, Sister Maud Vanderford, is back from Louisiana, where she held a revival, and we are still having services every night and the revival is still going on here. We were glad to have our new overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, and family with us for the week end, also Brother Eason. We are getting our Y.P.E. started and are marching on for God.—Louis Hig-night, clerk, 933 S. Bethany.

**DRUMRIGHT, Okla.**—We just closed a ten days' revival at Drumright, Rev. W. O. Dodson and Sister Addie Mooneyham doing the preaching. Brother Dodson

preached the first two nights and Sister Mooneyham finished the meeting. There were three saved, two reclaimed, two sanctified and the church has been blessed. Brother Dodson and Sister Mooneyham are both good preachers and not afraid to go in hard fields. Pray for us at Drum-right.—Paul J. Brown, pastor, Gen. Del.

**LINCOLNTON, N. C.**—A revival just closed at Lincolnton, N. C., conducted by the writer. It was a new place but God blessed in a marvelous way. There were four saved, four sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The services closed with seekers in the altar and many are looking this way. Many expressed their wishes for a Church of God there, so pray that we will soon get one there.—F. H. Collier, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

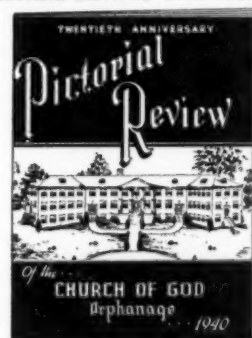
**W. DURHAM, N. C.**—We thank God for the way He blessed us in a three weeks' revival at West Durham. The Holy Ghost came on the scene each night. One was saved, four united with the church, and the church was renewed in spirit. Evangelist C. E. Comer of Steeds, N. C., conducted the services and we thank God for the messages brought forth which were filled with the glory of God. Some were also healed. We thank God for Brother Comer and the great work that he did in benefiting our church. Help us pray for the church that it might grow much more and prosper.—Rev. C. W. Gregory.

**GLASGOW, Ky.**—We are glad to report God's great blessings here in Glasgow, Ky. G. R. Morris and his party began a revival in a little storehouse October 10. Eighteen have found the Lord, eight of them were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister P. W. Chesser, district pastor of Somerset, visited us and set a church in order. We now have ten members with lots of others getting their eyes open. Brother Hicks, state overseer, visited us this week-end. His messages were an inspiration to us all. We feel encouraged to go farther and work a little harder for the church. Over \$200 has been pledged on a church building. Brother Jimmie Morris was elected president of the Y.P.E. and he has about fifty members. We have an L.W.W.B. of about thirty members. Already they are working on a name quilt to roof the new church. Pray for us to press on.—Mrs. Jimmie Morris, clerk, Gen. Del.

## ORPHANAGE BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 17

On December 17, 1940, the Church of God Orphanage will be twenty years old. In commemoration of the beginning of this institution we have published a 20th anniversary annual called "Pictorial Review of the Church of God Orphanage," which is now off the press. This annual gives the history of the Church of God Orphanage in both word and picture and beautifully describes its growth. On the cover there is an artist's conception of the new Church of God Boys' Home which is to be built immediately on the Lee Highway between Cleveland and Chattanooga. The building of this Home has been granted by the Assembly in session and every thing is now ready to start.

Many pastors who were at the 35th Annual Assembly took a large number of the Pictorial Reviews with them to sell



at their churches. We are asking that every true and loyal pastor in the Church of God order a large number of these papers and sell them at your church or in your city, at the price of 25c each, and send the proceeds to the Church of God Orphanage. All the money for which these annuals will be sold will be used in the construction of the new Boys' Home. When you are not able to give you can work and everyone in your city would like to have one of these beautiful annuals. For your convenience we have inserted the following coupon for ordering: Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Pictorial Reviews to \_\_\_\_\_

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Truth can never defend us while we are being operated and controlled by error.

## Special Notice

A long distance telephone call from H. T. Statum of Bradford, Ala., says, "Bradford has gone over the top in everything, including the \$1.00 per member for missions." Brother Statum is the pastor.



## Rules

For awarding the National Y. P. E. Banner, 1940-41

1. Largest average Y. P. E. attendance in proportion to church membership.
2. Largest total gain in attendance over the previous year.
3. Greatest number Y. P. E.'s organized this Assembly year.
4. Largest number of Young People's Endeavors according to the number of churches.
5. Largest circulation of the *Lighted Pathway* in the state in proportion to church membership.
6. Largest *Lighted Pathway* circulation.
7. Highest percentage of prompt monthly reporting to state superintendent.
8. Highest percentage of district conventions (credit given for only one convention to the district).
9. Largest amount of money raised for state convention mission offering according to church membership.
10. Greatest contribution of books to B. T. S. library. (Credit given according to number and value.)

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**EVERYBODY VOTE!** It is our earnest desire to make the Evangel the very best for all its readers. There has been a feeling on the part of some that it would be best to leave out the Question Box, while there have been many expressions of appreciation regarding it. You will help the editor by dropping us a card and stating "Continue Question Box" or "Discontinue Question Box." Please do this right now. Sit down and drop a card with either of these statements, as you feel best.

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## Rules

For awarding the National Sunday School Banner, 1940-41

1. Largest attendance according to church membership.
2. Largest gain in attendance over last year.
3. Greatest number of Sunday Schools according to the number of churches.
4. Greatest number of Sunday Schools organized this year.
5. Largest amount of offerings for orphans according to the Sunday School attendance.
6. Highest percentage of faithfulness in monthly reporting to state superintendent.
7. Largest percentage of district conventions.

8. Largest percentage of teachers taking or having taken a teacher-training course.
9. Highest percentage of Sunday Schools having superintendent and teachers' meetings at least twice a month.
10. Largest percentage of superintendents and teachers attending district conventions.

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## North Carolina Ministers' Convention

The writer has never seen a more interesting, enthusiastic, or zealous group of ministers than met at Kannapolis last week. The spirit of love, unity and fellowship was certainly exemplified throughout the convention.

All seemed to have received our new state overseer, Brother Earl Paulk, with open arms, love and gratitude, and the good humble, Christian spirit which he manifested and the enthusiasm and zeal, also the ability to moderate and attend

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to business which everyone could readily see quickly, won for him that high esteem which every leader should have. The ministers seemed to appreciate his clearness, frankness, and friendliness.

Our highly esteemed General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, added much to the convention. His able instructions, words of encouragement, and holy zeal for God and His cause were a source of help and inspiration to all. He also brought a timely message that was helpful and soul-stirring. The message and the solo he sang, also the sunny smiles and meek spirit of this blessed man of God, will live long in the memory of many.—U. D. Tidwell, 911 Elm St., Kannapolis, N. C.

No man is so cowardly as he who "fleeth when no man pursueth."

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### New Mexico Preachers' Meeting

The New Mexico preachers' meeting convened at Carlsbad, New Mexico, October 25, 26.

Services began at ten o'clock. The power of God was there, and the good sweet presence of the Son and Holy Ghost, with that good fellowship of the brethren was so strong that we did not have any preaching. An altar call was made and souls came for prayer. One brother had the call of God and had backslidden because he would not obey God, came and prayed through and has renewed his strength with God and says he means to go through.

If I am not mistaken, there were fifteen preachers present. Some could not be there for various reasons, but from the report, it was the best preachers' meeting ever held in New Mexico.

Several recommendations were written out by a committee, appointed by the preachers, and were passed on, to promote

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the work and make it the best year, yes by far, than any year passed.

The Overseer expressed himself that he believed with the good fellowship and the good group of preachers he had in the State, New Mexico was going over the top and coming to the front.

L. C. Pennington, of Texas, will pastor the Jal church, Brother N. L. Suiter, of Texas, will pastor Sedan and Clayton, Brother Hilton Vail, California, will pastor at Hot Springs, and he is also State President of the Y.P.E. and Sunday School work. Sister Bertha Hammon was appointed President of the L.W.W.B. Brother Harris, who just recently came into the church, is conducting some successful revivals. Brother Jack Truett and his helpers were appointed as state evangelistic party. These, and all others whose names I have not called, mean to stand

by our Overseer for we love him and the cause he is sacrificing his life for, as well as others.—Humbly, L. C. Pennington.

### Victory in Jesus

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Praise God for victory in my soul. God still hears and answers prayer. A blessed sister backslid in our church at Okeechobee, Fla., and at prayer meeting the other night, where Brother Paul Johnson is our pastor, they were singing and this sister felt that she had her last call. When they gave the altar call Sister Sadie Chandler fell in the altar and Brother Johnson began praying for her, and praise the blessed Savior, I know He hears and answers prayer! You all pray much for this sister to hold out, and lift her up in prayer that she will hold out.—Sister R. G. Gillette, 575 Osceola St.

### Revival at Cheraw, S. C.

CHERAW, S. C.—We at Cheraw are praising the Lord for the wonderful revival we have had for the last two weeks. Sister Clayton and her husband were the evangelists. There were seven saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. The church was encouraged by having them with us. God healed one sister who hadn't been to church in two years. Praise the Lord for the victory.—C. L. Edwards, pastor, Box 8A.

### Northwest Ministers' Meeting

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it will grow and grow until it gets too big for this world, and the Lord Himself will make a place in the Glory World among them that are His at that time.

We have several new fields that are promising, and hope to be able to report a new church soon.—Yours for a great cause, David C. Boatwright, Lemmon, S. Dak.

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### Colorado Ministers' Meeting

After the ministers' meeting in New Mexico Saturday night, we drove with the Ramsey Band to Hobbs, N. Mex., where we spent the rest of the night. We were up early the next morning on the way to Clayton. We were in services with Brother and Sister Hughes and the good people of Clayton Sunday night.

We arrived in LaJunta, Colo., Monday afternoon and Brother Ramsey began to prepare for services the next morning, Oct. 29-30. We certainly enjoyed the presence of the Lord in this meeting. The wonderful singing, testimonies, and preaching were appreciated and enjoyed. Tuesday evening Brother Ramsey preached to a house well-filled, on "Stripping for the Race." The power of the Holy Ghost was in evidence as Brother Ramsey spoke on this wonderful subject.

We found the ministers in Colorado filled with the Spirit and anxious to put the program of the Church of God over

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one hundred per cent. These services were very highly appreciated by some good people from another holiness movement. The pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God of America and some of his people were with us in the evening service. They invited Brother Ramsey over to preach for them Thursday evening. We believe they are liking the Church and may cast in with us.—Hilton Vail, reporter, Hot Springs, N. Mex.

### L.W.W.B. Doing Good Work

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I praise God for the way He is blessing us here in Marked Tree. Our play, "A Search in Vain," was a wonderful success due to the Lord's smile of approval upon us. The L.W.W.B. is doing a great work in His name and by His grace. We are glad to have Brother and Sister Rains as pastor for another year. We feel God sent them here as they have been a great blessing to all of us.—Nadyne Clouse.

## Steps in the Christian Life

(Continued from page 3)

brethren of like precious faith, and amicable relations prevail in all the various activities of the Church. When peace rules, there will be a cessation of strife and schism. We are to "LET" the peace of God rule. Col. 3:15. For strife is born of self, but peace of holiness.

Some folk cannot be at peace with others, because they are at war with themselves through lust, desiring to have and cannot obtain, fighting and warring, asking and receiving not because they ask amiss, that they may consume it upon their lust—pride (Jas. 4:1-3).

Unity oftentimes is broken by sectional action, party spirit, big head of pride, allowance of evil, quarrelsome contention, and carnality of disposition. 1 Cor. 1:11-13; 2:1-4; 5:6; 6:1-7. Here is where peacemakers are greatly needed. A peacemaker is like a physician that heals quarrels among men, he is like a statesman who reconciles brethren at variance, and restores amicable relations. Paul tells us, "If a brother is at fault, ye that are spiritual (make peace) restore such a one in the spirit of meekness," not meat axe but meekness. Reconciliation with God is also reconciliation with brethren; peace with God is also peace among brethren.

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Matt. 5:24. We are to follow peace with all men, and holiness. Seek peace and pursue it, for peace hath her victories. A true peacemaker prays for those at variance, is willing to make sacrifices, and stand good for damages done, that parties at variance be reconciled, harmony and unity be preserved among brethren, and men be reconciled to God. A picture of this is seen in Moses' pleading in behalf of Israel (Ex. 32:30-34); Esther, in behalf of her people; Paul, in behalf of Onesimus, estranged servant of Philemon, and Philip leading the Ethiopian to Christ, a soul-winner.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God," whose feet are beautified with the gospel peace.

#### 4. BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

There are two classes of people in the world, the righteous and the unrighteous, the good and the bad or sinful. The sinful persecute the good, the unrighteous forces persecute the forces of righteousness. The warfare of the wicked is carnal and false.

Down through the ages, the righteous have been persecuted for righteousness' sake. In Hebrews 11:33-38 we read of the heroes of the faith who subdued kingdoms,

stopped the mouths of lions, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of swords; the weak were made strong, and waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of aliens, women received their dead to life again; while others had trials of mockings, scourgings, bonds, imprisonment, were stoned, sawn asunder, slain with swords, wandered about in sheep and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and

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### Beautiful Rose

Oh, the roses, the beautiful roses,  
How they charm my fading eyes;  
They make me think of heaven,  
That sweet home beyond the skies.

I am sitting at the window now  
With pencil in my hand,  
Ready to write a description  
Of that bright and happy land.

Yes, heaven is a beautiful place,  
Filled with glory and with grace,  
And when we get the new birth  
It will shine out in our face.

I am glad that I have salvation  
According to God's Word,  
For I have been sanctified  
By Jesus' precious blood, hallelujah!

The rose in air whose odors wave  
And colors charm the eyes,  
The root is even in the ground  
But it, alas, must die.

Only a sweet and holy soul  
Hath tints that never fly;  
While flowers decay and seasons roll  
They live and cannot die.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldier of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss.

I will live on now for Jesus  
And stand true at my post;  
Oh, how I praise Him for His love  
And for the Holy Ghost.

—A *shut-in*, Sister M. E. Downs, age 86.

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in caves of the earth, and in mountains, and in dens (as many faithful Christians are compelled to do in eastern and southern Europe and in godless Russia today).

Early Christianity was the object of relentless persecution with attempt at annihilation. They were flung to the lions, burned at the stake, crucified on Roman crosses, but they triumphed against the persecution of a pagan world and a Roman state, for the blood of saints is the seed of the Church.

How true! "In a wink the false love turns to hate—and worse than death, to view with hateful eyes, his rival's conquest."

True Christianity has also triumphed against the persecution of papal Rome. During the millennium of darkness the Latin Church used instruments of torture known as the "rack," "the iron maiden," "the stake," "lime pits," and other means of painful torture and death too horrible to mention, which speak too well of the evil and unrighteous forces persecuting the true children of God. One of the most horrid circumstances attending the dreadful massacre of the Protestants under Charles IX of France, was when the news of the event reached Rome, Pope Gregory XIII instituted the most solemn rejoicing, giving thanks to God for this glorious victory over the heretics! Jesus said, "The time will come that whosoever killeth you will think he doeth God service." John 16:2.

Sometimes the unrighteous forces will persecute the righteous from within the sphere of Christian profession. They resort to unfair means, slander, and falsehood. Sometime they proceed in a manner to injure one's reputation. Persecution cannot take away the peace and spiritual life of the believers, but can often destroy his confidence and service. Acts 17:5-9. Our duty, when persecuted, is to keep sweet, do good to them that hate us and pray for them that spitefully use us and persecute us, return good for evil, turn the other cheek.

A Roman emperor said to a Christian in the courtroom, after he could not be persuaded to give up his faith in Christ, "I will take away your honor."

"That you cannot do, for my righteousness is in Jesus," replied the Christian.

"I will take away your estate," answered the emperor.

"My treasures are in heaven, and you cannot touch them," answered the venerable saint.

Angry as he could be, the emperor said, "Turn him loose, what can you do with a man like that?"

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you (insulting by word), and persecute you (by deed), and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely (wilfully misinterpreting your character and conduct), for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."—Jesus.

Those who suffer because of sin and lack of wisdom do not come under the promise.

If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. "For their's is the kingdom of heaven."



## Requests

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My son to be healed of the toothache; his broken leg for which I requested prayer is doing fine; my sister who can't walk to be healed; my unsaved loved ones to get salvation.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Rydal, Ga.

My body to be healed; my loved ones to be saved.—Sister Edna Dixon, Dunn, La.

A friend to be healed and saved. She is in much distress and unless the Lord undertakes and saves her soul I fear she may go insane. Fast for her if led. Pray for her unsaved husband and children too.—A sister, Harrisburg, Pa.

The healing of my stomach.—Hilliard Snyder, Clyde, N. C.

Me to be healed of rheumatism, I can hardly walk, have been down seven weeks; several unspoken requests.—Mrs. Mollie Walker, Rt. 2, Box 127, Starkville, Miss.

My husband's healing, he has eczema on his hands and feet; him to get closer to God; my head and throat to be healed; my vision to be restored.—Mrs. L. Owens, Yancey, Ky.

I have two sons in the hospital at Huntington, W. Va., and both are very sick. Please pray that God will completely heal their bodies.—Herma Marcum, Delbarton, W. Va.

My husband to be saved; God to give us a revival and save souls.—Mrs. T. J. Hayes, Lake Placid, Fla.

God to heal my body; my father and two boys to be healed; a sister's baby to be healed; unspoken request.—Mrs. Stella Futch, Lake Placid, Fla.

The healing of my body of T. B., I have been sick a year.—G. E. Dillard, Box 235, Nettleton, Ark.

My sister who is in a serious condition with cancer of the stomach to be saved, filled with the Holy Ghost and healed. Fast if led. Her address is Vera Bell Davis, Gen. Del., Haleyville, Ala.—L. A. Cain, 930 N.E. 92nd St., Miami, Fla.

A sister, her husband and daughter to get salvation; the healing of Elder Lockett's body; the complete healing of my arm.—Sister Lockett (colored), 3521 Cedar, Apt. 1, Cleveland, Ohio.

My sister and me to be healed, we are both very sick with our nerves. Fast if led. Pray that we will have more faith.—Miss Lula Webb, Toecane, N. C.

The healing of my lungs and nerves; my faith to be increased; God to reveal His will to me. Fast if led.—Cecil A. Tomlinson, Artesia, N. Mex.

The Lord to undertake in my home some way; the healing of my body.—Viola Beal, Box 274, Armorel, Ark.

My husband to be healed of a severe cold and cough; me and my home.—Mrs. Joe Smith, Savage, Miss.

My family and me to be saved.—Mrs.

Agnes Johnson, Old Fort, N. C.

The healing of my daughter's child.—Frank Miller, Scaly, N. C.

The complete healing of my body.—J. W. Finklea, 316 Whaley St., Charleston, S. C.

Me to be healed of kidney trouble; us to stay true to God.—Mrs. Lonzo Querry, Rt. 2, Searcy, Ark.

God to bless my home and undertake for me; my husband to be saved; me to bring my little ones up in the way they should go; God to provide a place for us to have services; my loved ones and friends to see the way before it is too late; me to hold out faithful.—Mrs. Florence M. Price, Rt. 3, Box 529, Rayville, La.

My baby to be healed of pneumonia; me and my children; God to have mercy on us, I am under heavy burdens.—Marie Sullivan, Vicksburg, Miss.

My little boy's leg to be healed of some kind of breaking out on it which is spreading.—Bettie Phillips, Rt. 1, Brevard, N. C.

The healing of my mother, the doctor said she had bronchial tuber and her fever stays 102 all the time; Mrs. McCullough that the Lord will help her.—Sister Ruth Brock, Coronado Beach, Fla.

My son who is in the army and is almost blind in his right eye, he once had a bright experience but drifted away. Pray especially for his soul.—Mrs. L. J. Booth, Aripeka, Fla.

The healing of my eyes.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin, Havana, Fla.

The healing of my body; my family; God to forgive me of my wrongdoings.—F. E. Newby, Rt. 2, Cairo, Ga.

Pray for the healing of Sister Newel; me; my husband and two children; our church in Natchez.—Mrs. B. E. Tatum, 607 Maple St., Natchez, Miss.

My husband, child, loved ones and our church at McCall.—Mrs. F. Halford, Natchez, Miss.

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## Leaves From the Fig Tree

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pression, wars, earthquakes, trouble and naked terror, 11,690 people went to the horse races every day. LOVERS OF PLEASURE MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD.

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"BERLIN, November 8 — A far-reaching decree against Jews has been announced in Belgium by General Baron Alexander Von Falkenhausen, Military Commander of Belgium and Northern France. The chief points of the decree

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Well, there it is. Suffering and persecution for the chosen of Jehovah! May they even yet remember that 1900 years ago they cried out, "Let His blood be upon us and our children." God heard that cry and GOD REMEMBERS.

## Reports

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His love and mighty power in our lives and it will cause them to turn to Jesus. God is real to me, how I want to lift Him up in my life as never before. Look up, dear saints, let's be happy for we know we can overcome if we will keep on praying. We are sure to win that home. Jesus is soon coming. There may be many things which we can't understand, but if the way does look dark and if our Lord has gone away, I have learned, by still holding on, that He is purifying our lives, working out things in us that will be a blessing. I have shed many tears and when my family was sleeping soundly I would be on my knees in my yard asking God to help me carry on. I have a precious boy who is almost a part of my very life. How I want to see him saved. Pray for me and my whole family, that we may be an unbroken circle. A great welcome is extended to all to come over and worship with us at our little church at Screven, Ga. We love each other and are trying to lift the standard higher. Pray for us, that we may be a blessing to lost souls and be ready when Jesus comes.—Mrs. L. E. Day.

## Editorials

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do exploits. Such an understanding of the Christian life will result in the testimony of the apostle Paul, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, them who are the called according to his purpose." If this testimony really belongs to us, it will then make it easy for us to obey the injunction given in 1 Thess. 5:18, "In every thing give thanks," for we know that no matter what the appearance of that which comes our way, it will all work out for that which is the very best in our lives.

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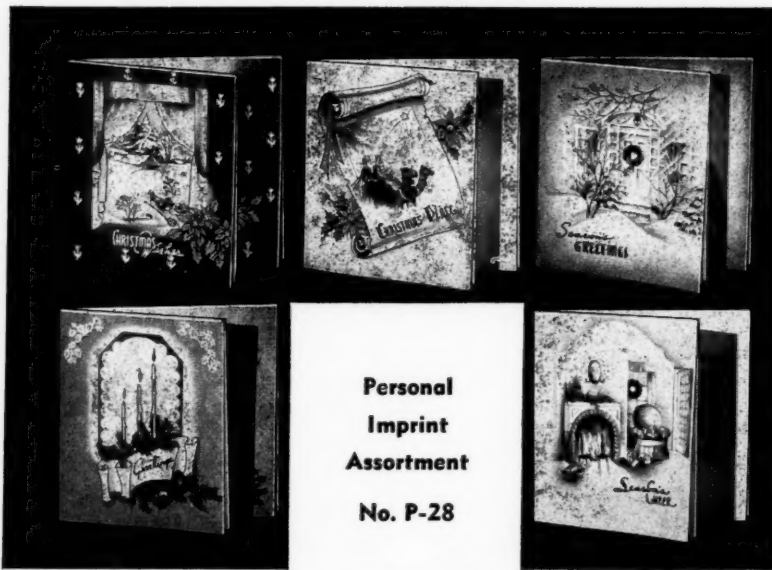
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